

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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From: Chris Shaffer, Lawrenceburg City Administrator

Re: Property Maintenance

There are a lot of things that impact quality of life - the education of our children, ease of transportation, job opportunities, and access to cultural amenities. While it might not be at the top of everyone's list, neighborhood integrity certainly impacts our sense of community as well.

There are reasons why there are rules and regulations when it comes to maintaining your property. A well-maintained home speaks to caring individuals committed to preserving the integrity of a community. It helps Lawrenceburg remain a desirable place to live, and ensures our collective safety and harmony.

However, in this economy we are seeing an increase in the number of neglected, foreclosed and abandoned properties throughout the City. To help maintain our community, the City's Codes Enforcement staff routinely tours neighborhoods throughout Lawrenceburg.

Our codes officers look at a number of things that may be in violation of City code, which include but are not limited to tall grass and weeds, accumulation of garbage, grass clippings blown into streets, rotted wood, littered premises, damaged siding, fences, sheds and decks in a state of disrepair, and unregistered or non-running vehicles.

In the event our inspectors note a violation, a notice is sent to the registered owner with a compliance date for correction. Reasonable requests for extensions are considered. If needed, municipal infraction citations are issued for non-compliance.

**The City of Lawrenceburg is asking** all residents to remain vigilant, not only by maintaining your own property, but by being our eyes and ears in your neighborhood, reporting any challenges you might see. Between your eyes and our initiatives, we can ensure that our neighborhoods maintain the quality we have come to expect in Lawrenceburg.

To report vacant properties, please send an e-mail to [rjones@lawrenceburgtn.gov](mailto:rjones@lawrenceburgtn.gov) or call at **931-762-4459** to inquire about municipal codes governing property maintenance. And, as always, your comments are welcome at City Hall.